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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Harris J. Lasseigne
President
Gulf Shrimp Fuel, Inc.
HC 70, Box 7
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Dear Mr. Lasseigne:

During an inspection of the Gulf Shrimp Fuel, Inc., vessel watering point, Brownsville, Texas, on February 11, 1998, our investigators documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1250. Therefore, the referenced vessel watering point has been classified as "Provisional."

Our investigation revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. The potable water outlet was not provided with a backflow prevention device.
2. The potable water outlet was on the same dock with a non-potable water outlet and not properly identified.
3. An end cap and keeper chain was not provided for the potable water outlet.
4. The potable water outlet was less than the required 18 inches above the pier.
5. A water hose was not properly stored and the hose end was unprotected.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your vessel watering point and it is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations. You should assure that all vessel watering points under your control are in compliance with the regulations.

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A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with you. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. Please review the observations noted by the investigators at the Brownsville location inspected. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA. Your vessel watering point may be placed on a "Not Approved" status if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



for Joseph R. Baca
Dallas District Director

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